The Town Council of the Town of Burns Harbor, Porter County, Indiana met in its regular session on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 in the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Council President, Raymond Poparad at 7:01 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited.

Roll Call: Toni Biancardi ----- Present

Andrew Bozak ----- Present Eric Hull ----- Present

Raymond Poparad ---- Present

Marcus Rogala ----- Present

Clerk-Treasurer Jane Jordan was present. A quorum was attained.

Additional Officials Present: Attorney Clay Patton, Town Marshal Michael Heckman, Street Superintendent Pat Melton and Building Commissioner/Fire Chief/Sanitation Superintendent William Arney.

Also Present: Jeff Schultz of the Chesterton Tribune

Approval of Minutes:

Councilwoman Biancardi made a motion to approve April 13, 2016 meeting minutes. Councilman Hull seconded the motion. Councilwoman Biancardi - Aye, Councilman Bozak -Aye, Councilman Hull - Aye, Councilman Poparad - Aye, Councilman Rogala - Aye. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Biancardi made a motion to approve April 13, 2016 executive meeting minutes. Councilman Hull seconded the motion. Councilwoman Biancardi - Aye, Councilman Bozak -Aye, Councilman Hull - Aye, Councilman Poparad - Aye, Councilman Rogala - Aye. Motion passed.

Reports:

Clerk-Treasurer Jordan informed those present she would be attending State Board of Accounts' School the week of June fifth. The School will be held in Michigan City so no hotel costs would be incurred.

Councilman Bozak explained the purchase order submitted for riffle sites to replace the sites previously purchased that were recalled by the company.

Building Commissioner Arney went over the monthly report and stated that the report is in the Council members' boxes. Commissioner Arney requested the town attorney's assistance with an outside storage and dumping violation at Sun Steel on Tech Drive. After discussion, Councilman Hull made a motion that the town attorney assists the Building Commission to send a letter to the property owner. Councilwoman Biancardi seconded the motion. Councilwoman Biancardi - Aye, Councilman Bozak - Aye, Councilman Hull - Aye, Councilman Poparad -Aye, Councilman Rogala - Aye. Motion passed. Councilwoman Biancardi reminded the Council it was the intention of the Board that Marge Falbo, board secretary would be trained to fill in for the building department clerk on days off. Training will begin shortly so, she can cover Lori McCormick's vacation in June. Councilman Bozak made a motion that Marge Falbo will work as a part-time clerk in the building department to fill in when Lori McCormick has days off. Councilwoman Biancardi seconded the motion. Councilwoman Biancardi - Aye, Councilman Bozak - Aye, Councilman Hull - Aye, Councilman Poparad - Aye, Councilman Rogala – Aye. Motion passed.

Street Superintendent Pat Melton went over the monthly report and stated that the report is in the Council members' boxes. Superintendent Melton informed the Council the brush pick up program started this month, the streets were swept and we have done a lot of maintenance on the equipment. Large garbage pickup day will be Thursday, May 26th.

Town Marshal Heckman went over the monthly report and stated that the report is in the Council members' boxes. The Police Department will be holding a bicycle registration and safety day on June fourth starting in Bolinger Park and ending in Lakeland Park.

Fire Chief Arney went over the monthly report and stated that the report is in the Council members' boxes. The Fire Department Honor Guard will be doing fundraising to purchase uniforms. Thank you to the Portage High School ROTC for helping with Honor Guard training. Most of the equipment for the FEMA grant has arrived. The Boot Drive collected close to fifteen hundred dollars.

Sanitation Superintendent Arney indicated lift station three and four have been repaired. Lift station two is connected to a load capacitor and meters to try to narrow down the cause of its trouble issues with that station. Councilwoman Biancardi shadowed the department. Eagle Services cleaned and jetted the lines.

Park Board President Amanda Sucku informed the Council the Rebuilding Together and the Park Cleanup Day was successful. Several groups from the high school volunteered. Aquodic Control will schedule treatment of the Eurasian milfoil depending on weather. Anyone interested in volunteering for the 5K Footloose contact the Park Director. Several teams will practice on the baseball field this year. The Park Board thanked the Council for the new tractor. Councilman Rogala made a motion that the Town Council purchases a tractor for the Park for a cost of \$24,907 minus a \$2,000 trade-in on the 1972 John Deere. Councilman Bozak seconded the motion. Councilwoman Biancardi – Aye, Councilman Bozak – Aye, Councilman Hull – Aye, Councilman Poparad – Aye, Councilman Rogala – Aye. Motion passed.

Councilman Eric Hull made a motion that the Town Council gives the authority to the Redevelopment Commission to move forward to rezone or seek a variance of the Westport property for additional uses. Councilman Rogala seconded the motion. Councilwoman Biancardi – Aye, Councilman Bozak – Aye, Councilman Hull – Aye, Councilman Poparad – Aye, Councilman Rogala – Aye. Motion passed.

The following purchase orders were presented for discussion: purchase order #2374, 2375, 2376, 2384, 2385 and 2402.

Correspondence:

Town of Porter Parks Department - Memorial Day presentation

IDEM - Approval for Fritz Enterprises, Inc. Administrative Title V Significant Source Modification

IDEM - Approval for Precoat Metals Title V Renewal

IDEM - Approval for Indiana Flame Services Title V Renewal Administrative Permit

IDEM - Approval for FESOP Interim Minor Permit Revision

NIPSCO Infrastructure modification plan

IACT Annual Awards Nomination Form

Councilwoman Biancardi volunteered to participate in the Memorial Day presentation on the Town's behalf.

Councilwoman Biancardi informed the Council of the IACT Larry A. Conrad Civic Service Award and would suggest nominating William Meyer as historian for that award.

Presentations, Resolutions, Ordinances and Remonstrance:

Ordinance 268-2016 Amending Text of the Administration Ordinance concerning Sanitary Board membership on second reading:

Councilwoman Biancardi made a motion that the Town adopts Ordinance 268-2016 An Ordinance of the Town of Burns Harbor Town Council Amending the Text of the Administration Ordinance. Councilman Hull seconded the motion. Councilman Rogala stated my same discussion as last month. Councilman Poparad stated I would like to put this on hold. We started a project last month with the five Council members that has not moved forward with our building. I recommend the Council table this ordinance until we act at the next Sanitation Board. Councilwoman Biancardi withdrew her motion.

Ordinance 271-2016 Amending Text of the Sewer Rate Ordinance concerning providing an appeal process:

Councilman Bozak read Ordinance 271-2016 An Ordinance of the Burns Harbor Town Council Amending the Text of the Sewer Rate Ordinance

WHEREAS, the Burns Harbor Town Council has adopted a Sewer Rate Ordinance codified as Chapter 18 of the Town Code of Burns Harbor, Indiana;

WHEREAS, the Burns Harbor Sanitary Board has initiated certain amendments to the text of portions of the Sewer Rate Ordinance in order to provide an appeal process for the same;

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been held before the Burns Harbor Sanitary Board and said Board has paid reasonable regard in preparing and considering the proposal, and now certifies its proposal to amend the text of portions of its Sewer Rate Ordinance to the Burns Harbor Town Council;

WHEREAS, notice has been given in accordance with Indiana Code of all proceedings concerning these text amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Burns Harbor Town Council concurs with its Sanitary Board and accepts this proposal;

NOW THEREFORE, be it and it is hereby ordained by the Burns Harbor Town Council as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 18, Section 8 of the Town Code of the Town of Burns Harbor shall be amended as follows:

Any user who wishes to appeal a decision of the Sanitary Board or Sewer Rate and Use Ordinance must file a written appeal within one year from the existence of the circumstances upon which the appeal is based. Said appeal is to be filed with the Secretary of the Sanitary Board on a form prepared and provided by the Town. Any other documentary evidence that the user wishes the Board to consider must be submitted with the completed Appeal form. The matter will be placed on the Agenda of an upcoming Board meeting and the user shall appear to present his/her case. The burden of proof is on the user to prove an extenuating circumstance or undue hardship that would warrant the Board's granting of the appeal. The Board shall hear the request and may take it under advisement. However, the Board must issue a decision within sixty (60) days of the hearing.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, recording and publication as provided by law.

Councilwoman Biancardi made a motion that the Town adopts **Ordinance 271-2016** as read. Councilman Rogala seconded the motion. Councilwoman Biancardi – Aye, Councilman Bozak – Aye, Councilman Hull – Aye, Councilman Poparad – Aye, Councilman Rogala – Aye. **Ordinance 271-2016 passed on its first reading.**

Councilwoman Biancardi made a motion that the Town declares an emergency and suspends the rules of adopting an ordinance in two separate meetings. Councilman Hull seconded the motion. Councilwoman Biancardi – Aye, Councilman Bozak – Aye, Councilman Hull – Aye, Councilman Poparad – Aye, Councilman Rogala – Aye. Motion passed.

Councilman Rogala made a motion that the Town adopts **Ordinance 271-2016** on its second reading. Councilman Hull seconded the motion. Councilwoman Biancardi – Aye, Councilman Bozak – Aye, Councilman Hull – Aye, Councilman Poparad – Aye, Councilman Rogala – Aye. **Ordinance 271-2016 passed and was adopted.**

Resolution 2016-10 Materiality Threshold Policy:

Councilman Bozak read Resolution 2016–10 A Resolution of the Town of Burns Harbor, Indiana, Material Threshold Policy

WHEREAS, the Town of Burns Harbor, Porter County, Indiana, Town Council recognizes that I.C. 5-11-1-27(j) requires erroneous or irregular material variances, losses, shortages, or thefts of political subdivision funds or property shall be reported immediately to the State Board of Accounts; and WHEREAS, I.C. 5-11-1-27(l), which requires public officials who have actual knowledge of or reasonable cause to believe that there has been a misappropriation of public funds to immediately send written notice of the misappropriation to the State Board of Accounts and the prosecuting attorney. WHEREAS, State Examiner Directive 2015-6 directs each political subdivision to determine its own policy on materiality; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Burns Harbor does not condone any erroneous or irregular material variances, losses, shortages, or thefts of utility funds or property but recognizes that relatively small items may not justify the cost of the involvement of the State Board of Accounts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Burns Harbor Town Council, Porter County, Indiana, as follows:

It will be the policy of the Clerk-Treasurer to report to the State Board of Accounts any erroneous or irregular variances, losses, shortages, or thefts of cash in excess of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). In addition, all erroneous or irregular variances, losses, shortages, or thefts of cash which occur more than one time in a month and which the aggregate total is One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or more shall be reported immediately to the State Board of Accounts. Exceptions shall be made for inadvertent clerical errors that are identified timely and promptly corrected with no loss to the Town of Burns Harbor.

It will be the policy of the Clerk-Treasurer to report promptly to the State Board of Accounts any erroneous or irregular variances, losses, shortage, or thefts of non-cash items in excess of Five Hundred

Dollars (\$500.00), estimated market value, except for those resulting from inadvertent clerical errors or misplacements that are identified timely and promptly corrected with no loss to the Town, and except for losses from genuine accidents.

All erroneous or irregular variances, losses, shortages, or thefts shall be reported immediately to the Clerk-Treasurer. The Town shall maintain records and documentation concerning erroneous or irregular variances, losses, shortages, or thefts in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and the internal control standards provided by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

The Town shall investigate all erroneous or irregular variances, losses, shortages or thefts, regardless of whether they meet the materiality threshold established by this resolution. Upon conclusion of each such investigation, the Town shall:

- 1. Implement procedures designed to prevent the recurrence of such incidents; and
- 2. Take appropriate disciplinary action against the employee responsible for the incident.

Councilman Bozak made a motion that the Town adopts **Resolution 2016-10** as read. Councilwoman Biancardi seconded the motion. Councilwoman Biancardi – Aye, Councilman Bozak – Aye, Councilman Hull – Aye, Councilman Poparad – Aye, Councilman Rogala – Aye. **Resolution 2016-10 passed and was adopted.**

Resolution 2016-11 Authorizing Certain Payments Prior to Confirmation of Claims: Councilman Bozak read Resolution 2016-11 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Burns Harbor, Indiana, Allowing pre-approved Payment of Claims

WHEREAS, the Burns Harbor Town Council is the legislative body of the Town of Burns Harbor; and WHEREAS, the Burns Harbor Town Council is empowered pursuant to I.C. 36-5-4-12 to allow money disbursements in advance of council allowance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Burns Harbor Town Council, Porter County, Indiana, as follows:

- 1. The Clerk-Treasurer of the Town is authorized to make claim payments in advance of council allowance for the following kinds of expenses:
 - a) Property or services purchased or leased from the United States government, its agencies, or its political subdivisions
 - b) Federal grant programs where advance funding is not prohibited and the contracting party posts sufficient security to cover the amount advanced
 - c) Grants of state funds authorized by statute
 - d) Leases or rental agreements
 - e) Principal and interest payable on bonds
 - f) Maintenance or service agreements
 - g) Licenses or permit fees
 - h) Insurance premiums
 - i) Payroll and all employee funds withheld from his/her pay
 - j) Federal, State, or County taxes
 - k) Expenses that must be paid because of emergency circumstances
 - 1) Expenses described in an ordinance
 - m) Utility payments or utility connection charges
 - n) Fuel bills
 - o) Park deposit refund or park rental cancellation refund; or
 - p) Any claim that will incur a late charge if due date falls before a scheduled council meeting
- 3. Each payment of expense under this resolution must be supported by a fully itemized invoice or bill and certification by the fiscal officer or board.
- 4. The Town Council or Board having jurisdiction over the allowance of the claim shall review and allow the claim at its next regular or special meeting following the preapproved payment of the expense.

Councilman Bozak made a motion that the Town adopts **Resolution 2016-11** as read. Councilman Rogala seconded the motion. Councilman Rogala asked would this allow us to pay ahead to rent a tent to allow us to save money. Clerk-Treasurer Jordan stated no. This is a revision of the resolution adopted in the nineties which allowed me to pay for many of those things. During the audit process the Auditor requested that the Town deposit in the bank park building rental deposits. This would allow me to write a refund checks without making the renters wait a month for their deposit returns or cancelation refunds. Councilwoman Biancardi – Aye, Councilman Bozak – Aye, Councilman Hull – Aye, Councilman Poparad – Aye, Councilman Rogala – Aye. **Resolution 2016-11 passed and was adopted.**

Resolution 2016-12 General Maintenance Fund Transfer:

Councilman Bozak read **Resolution 2016-12** BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL of the TOWN OF BURNS HARBOR, PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA that the following transfer of funds be made within the General Maintenance Department's 2016 budget: \$10,000.00 from Superintendent Wages, 3-111 into Other Equipment, 3-444.

Councilman Bozak made a motion that the Town adopts **Resolutions 2016-12** as read. Councilwoman Biancardi seconded the motion. Councilwoman Biancardi – Aye, Councilman Bozak – Aye, Councilman Hull – Aye, Councilman Poparad – Aye, Councilman Rogala – Aye. **Resolution 2016-12 passed and was adopted.**

New Business:

Umbaugh consultant contract:

Jeff Rowe, CPA of Umbaugh & Associates, presented a proposal for work pertaining to a review of the Tax Increment Finance (TIF) district.

Councilman Rogala made a motion that the Town approves the proposal submitted to be paid at an hourly rate not to exceed seven thousand dollars. Councilman Hull seconded the motion. Councilwoman Biancardi – Aye, Councilman Bozak – Aye, Councilman Hull – Aye, Councilman Poparad – Aye, Councilman Rogala – Aye. Motion passed.

Councilman Bozak asked if the Council or the Redevelopment Commission would be paying the invoice.

Councilman Rogala said the Redevelopment Commission; the RDC cannot enter into this contract without the Council's approval.

LOIT 2016 special distribution use and receipt:

Clerk-Treasurer Jordan informed the Council the Town's LOIT distribution of approximately thirty thousand dollars arrived. Per state law, \$22,472.65 (75%) must be receipted into 257 LOIT 2016 Special Distribution Fund and used for road and infrastructure repairs. It can also be used as the Town's matching share of the new State Street and Bridge Grant. The remaining twenty five percent (7,490.88) can be placed into the General Fund or the Rainy Day Fund and used for any lawful purpose. If you want to spend any of this money this year, it would have to be appropriated.

After discussion, Councilman Rogala made a motion that twenty-five percent of the LOIT 2016 special distribution be receipted into the General Fund. Councilwoman Biancardi seconded the motion. Councilwoman Biancardi – Aye, Councilman Bozak – Aye, Councilman Hull – Aye, Councilman Poparad – Aye, Councilman Rogala – Aye. Motion passed.

Council's consensus was to put the State Street and Bridge Grant application on next month's agenda and have Councilman Poparad contact Hesham Khalil of Global Engineering & Land Surveying.

Mosquito Fogging:

After discussion, Councilman Rogala made a motion to mosquito fog and treat for larva and eggs not to exceed one thousand dollars. Councilman Bozak seconded the motion. Councilman Poparad recommended that residents take care of standing water on their property. Councilwoman Biancardi – Aye, Councilman Bozak – Aye, Councilman Hull – Aye, Councilman Poparad – Aye, Councilman Rogala – Aye. Motion passed.

Town rummage sale committee volunteers

Council requested people interested in volunteering to serve on the town rummage sale committee to contact the Clerk-Treasurer's office.

CF-1 Statement Reviews:

Councilman Poparad informed the Council that he and Clerk-Treasurer Jordan attending a meeting with County Auditor Urbanik in regards to tax abatement. I am requesting that this Council sends a resolution to the County stating they will not authorize tax abatement until the County hears from the Town.

Councilman Hull stated so currently, we have tax abatement out where companies skips us and go to the County. That has got to stop.

Councilman Rogala made a motion to have the town attorney draft a resolution requiring CF-1 forms be signed by the Council President before granting tax abatement. Councilman Hull seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Biancardi – Aye, Councilman Bozak – Aye, Councilman Hull – Aye, Councilman Poparad – Aye, Councilman Rogala – Aye. **Motion passed.**

Clerk-Treasurer Jordan informed the Council the ArcelorMittal submitted their CF-1 to the Town for review. They are in compliant with the tax abatement agreement and would like the Council's approval to grant tax abatement for pay 2017.

Councilman Poparad asked Building Commissioner Arney if ArcelorMittal has applied for building permits.

After further discussion, Councilwoman Biancardi made a motion that the Town approves Council President Poparad sign ArcelorMittal's CF-1 form for tax abatement. Councilman Bozak seconded the motion. Councilwoman Biancardi – Aye, Councilman Bozak – Aye, Councilman Hull – Aye, Councilman Poparad – Aye, Councilman Rogala – Aye. Motion passed.

Revisions to Town Code Chapter 2:

Councilwoman Biancardi explained that a draft for revisions to Town Code Administration Chapter 2 describing the Redevelopment Board makeup has been sent to the Council.

After discussion, the Council requested that the town attorney notice the change to the code for next month's meeting.

Appointments to Sanitary Board:

Matter tabled until next meeting.

Appointment to Storm Water Board:

Councilman Rogala, Councilwoman Biancardi and Councilman Poparad volunteered to serve on the Storm Water Board.

Purchase of park department tractor:

Matter discussed under reports earlier in the meeting.

Employee Pay for education day:

Councilman Hull made a motion that Robert Wesley be paid as education days from April 18th through April 22nd for attending FDIC School. Councilwoman Biancardi seconded the motion. Councilwoman Biancardi – Aye, Councilman Bozak – Aye, Councilman Hull – Aye, Councilman Poparad – Aye, Councilman Rogala – Abstain. **Motion passed**.

Council meeting twice a month:

Councilwoman Biancardi asked I think it is a good idea but how much more would it cost us to do that.

Town Attorney Patton stated the current contact is for one meeting a month after that it is hourly.

Councilman Poparad stated let's round up some numbers for our next meeting. Are there things that fall through the cracks, maybe it's time to go back to two? It doesn't necessarily mean the meetings are going to be shorter.

Burns Harbor resident; Paulene Poparad of State Road 149 stated if you don't need the second meeting you can cancel it.

Burns Harbor resident, Sarah Oudman of Clifford Way suggested instead of going to two meetings you consider meetings on separate nights or go a little longer.

Councilman Poparad stated I know there was talk of moving the Redevelopment Commission.

Councilman Hull suggested he would rather stay longer to resolve matters that come before the Board rather than talk twice a month, there are scheduling and obligations other than meetings. If there is a special topic and the need to hold another meeting, I am all about it.

Paulene Poparad stated you can speed it up. This is the only Board I know that reads all the ordinances and resolutions in full. You can have somebody prepare a synopsis and you can stress that it will be on file prior to the meeting if in fact that's the case. That slows it down.

Councilman Poparad suggested streamline the meetings by eliminating having the departments heads go over their written monthly reports during the meeting.

Burns Harbor resident, Jim Constantine of Haglund Road indicated meeting only once a motion slows things from getting done when you have to wait for another meeting. Things can slip through the cracks because there aren't enough meetings.

Global Engineering study for State Road 149:

Matter tabled until engineer is present.

Approval to Pay Vouchers:

Councilman Hull moved to approve all vouchers with three or more signatures. Councilman Bozak seconded the motion. Councilwoman Biancardi – Aye, Councilman Bozak – Aye, Councilman Hull – Aye, Councilman Poparad – Aye, Councilman Rogala – Aye. **Motion passed**.

Approval of Financial Report:

Councilwoman Biancardi moved to approve the April 2016 financial report. Councilman Bozak seconded the motion. Councilwoman Biancardi – Aye, Councilman Bozak – Aye, Councilman Hull – Aye, Councilman Poparad – Aye, Councilman Rogala – Aye. **Motion passed**.

Old Business:

Burns Harbor Scholarship applications due June 30th:

Councilman Poparad reminded Burns Harbor residents that scholarship applications are due June 30th. All residents are eligible to apply.

Window replacement quotes:

Councilwoman Baiancardi recommended that we discuss the Town Hall window replacement at budget time.

Old Porter Road drainage assessment:

Matter tabled until engineer is present.

Town Auction:

Town Attorney Patton informed the Council that he reviewed the auctioneer's contract. The date of the auction and the address will need to be inserted into the contact. The Town is paying the Waggoner's Auction Service six hundred dollars for advertising plus fifteen percent of the sales.

Councilman Bozak made a motion that Council President Poparad signs the contract between the Town and Waggoner's Auction Service. Councilman Rogala seconded the motion. Councilwoman Biancardi – Aye, Councilman Bozak – Aye, Councilman Hull – Aye, Councilman Poparad – Aye, Councilman Rogala – Aye. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Biancardi reminded the department heads to submit their final lists as soon as possible.

Council discussed food vendors and other details for of the auction.

Good of the Order of the Community:

Burns Harbor resident, Paulene Poparad of State Road 149 stated is there a position in the zoning ordinance that allows the Town Council as the petitioner to request the BZA and Plan Commission wave the filing fee. You wouldn't get your petition ready and meet the deadline for the next meetings, I don't believe but, at those meetings you could ask to be put on the agenda and request to wave the filing fee for the future petition.

Burns Harbor resident, Sarah Oudman of Clifford Way informed the Council that the Northwest Indiana Forum just had an article in the paper regarding For the Love of the Region Project. The deadline is June first for a five hundred dollar grant an idea for a Geo-Caching Treasurer Hunt with historic points within the Town of Burns Harbor. Council's consensus was to have Councilwoman Biancardi research the grant.

Fire Chief Arney informed the Council that the contractor who installed the floor in the storage building has agreed to replace it due to cracking.

Clerk-Treasurer Jordan informed the Council that the State Board of Accounts auditor should be finishing up with the audit sometime next week but it will take several weeks before the report is available for review.

Councilman Rogala made a motion that we adjourn. Councilwoman Biancardi seconded the motion. Councilwoman Biancardi – Aye, Councilman Bozak – Aye, Councilman Hull – Aye, Councilman Poparad – Aye, Councilman Rogala – Aye. **Motion passed**.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting concluded at 8:45 p.m.

TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BURNS HARBOR

Raymond Poparad, President

Eric Hull, Vice-President

Toni Biancardi

Andrew Bozak

Marcus Rogala

ATTEST:

Jane M. Jordan, IAMC, MMC, CPFA

Clerk-Treasurer